HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1122 By Sontany

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the Nashville Zoo at
Grassmere for their outstanding contributions to
Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it necessary to pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor those exceptional institutions who provide extensive educational opportunities and valuable entertainment to the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such institution, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, was recently granted accreditation by the prestigious American Zoo and Aquarium Association; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere continues to partner with both local government and private supporters to build some of the most beautiful animal habitats found in zoological parks across the country; and

WHEREAS, through a relationship with Metro Public Schools, the Nashville Zoo at
Grassmere has established a unique curriculum at the Croft Middle School where students work
closely with zoo staff to understand more about the planet's complex environment; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere continues to offer environmental and educational programs both on zoo grounds and throughout the Nashville and Middle Tennessee community; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 Middle Tennessee households currently boast a Nashville Zoo at Grassmere membership; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere supports local non-profit organizations through donations of zoo passes, memberships, and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to catering to the public and their patrons, the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere has been noted by the American Zoo and Aquarium for their outstanding support of conservation programs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, a menagerie offering a multitude of animal species in their replicated native habitats, the Nashville Zoo is dedicated to building a world-class zoological park for Nashville and Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this dedication to the good people of this State merits special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere as a valued organization for their outstanding achievements and contributions to Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our best wishes for the continued success of this venerable institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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